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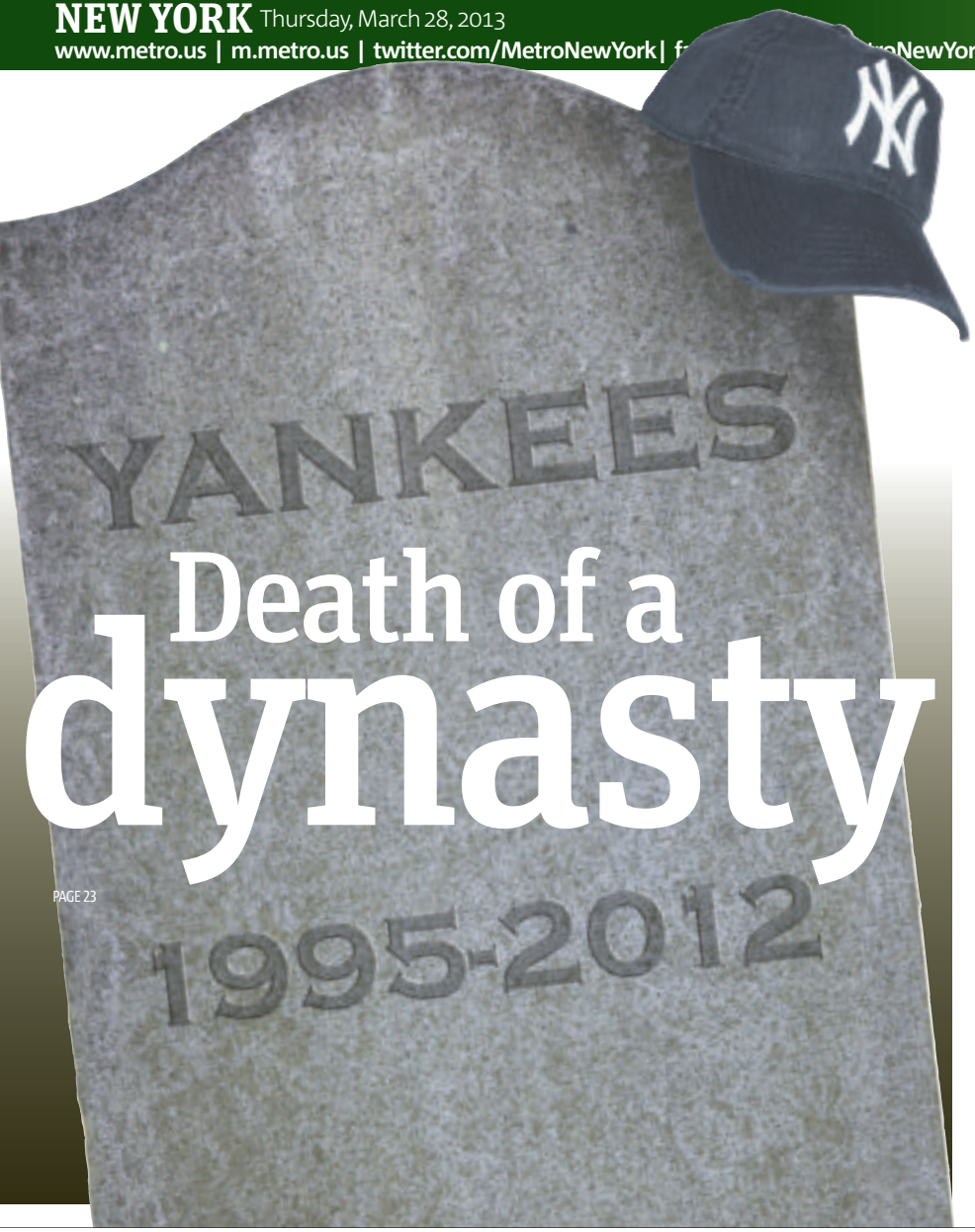

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NEWS

In the news

Phil Banks named top cop

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly announced yesterday the appointment of the new Chief of Department, Phil Banks III, 50, who is replacing out-going chief Joseph Esposito (see our story on page 06). Banks has been on the force for 26 years, and is currently Chief of Community Affairs. The Chief of Department is the highest-ranking uniformed member of the NYPD.

Quoted

"He's lasted a very long time in a position that most people don't last in."

SGT ED MULLINS, 67TH PRECINCT, ON THE RETIREMENT OF NYPD TOP COP JOSEPH ESPOSITO

More than 640,000 riders go through Penn Station on a daily basis. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Official: Move MSG from Penn

Crowded station. Scott Stringer says Madison Square Garden is stifling an already overwhelmed transportation hub.

Quoted

"It is time to build a more spacious, attractive and efficient station that will further encourage transit use, reduce driving into the city and spur economic growth throughout our city and our region." STRINGER

Penn Station and Madison Square Garden might be on notice.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer announced he wants a master plan for the area, which he called a "confusing, subterranean, three-level maze."

He blamed MSG for stifling what could be a spacious midtown station — without having to support MSG, he said, the station could grow.

MSG has requested a permit to operate the arena "in perpetuity." But the Knicks home should only be given the space for 10 years at a time, Stringer said.

The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing April 10 on MSG's permit application.

Stringer said the Garden should stay in Manhattan, but move.

A Madison Square Garden spokesman said the venue should be granted the special permit without an expiration date and noted the company invested $1 billion in the arena, which supports thousands of jobs.

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The GoogaMooga festival was plagued with problems last year.
NATE JONES, METRO

Foodies Delight. GoogaMooga is back at Prospect Park

The Great GoogaMooga is back.

The much-maligned festival, which took place for the first time last summer in Prospect Park, is afloat again despite a flood of bad review.

Organizers promised they learned lessons from last year, when festival goers complained of endless lines and not getting enough food

The festivities will begin May 17 with a concert by the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, with The Flaming Lips and The Darkness.

Food from 85 restaurants will include the Momofuku Milk Bar and Red Hook Lobster Pound.

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Clean air

New York celebrates smoke-free decade

The 10th anniversary of New York City's Smoke-Free Air Act, one of the first enacted in the nation, took place, yesterday. The law prohibits smoking in city bars, restaurants and many public areas.

Similar legislation has spread to 35 states and 49 countries, the city said. Smoking rates dropped more than 7 percent among New York City adults and youth since 2002, the city found.

Last week, the mayor introduced bills to the city council limiting the display of tobacco products and preventing sales below the city-mandated price.

EVELYN CHENG

State funds

MTA gets extra $40 million

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will receive $40 million more than expected in state funds, the New York Daily News said.

The state budget plan released by Governor Andrew Cuomo gave the MTA an additional $358 million for a total budget of $4.2 billion.

EVELYN CHENG

Street death

Pedestrian killed in Queens

Cops are investigating after a pedestrian was struck and killed while attempting to cross a street in Queens on Tuesday night.

Juliana Busto, 22, was hit at Laurel Hill Boulevard while attempting to cross the crosswalk.

LAURA SHIN

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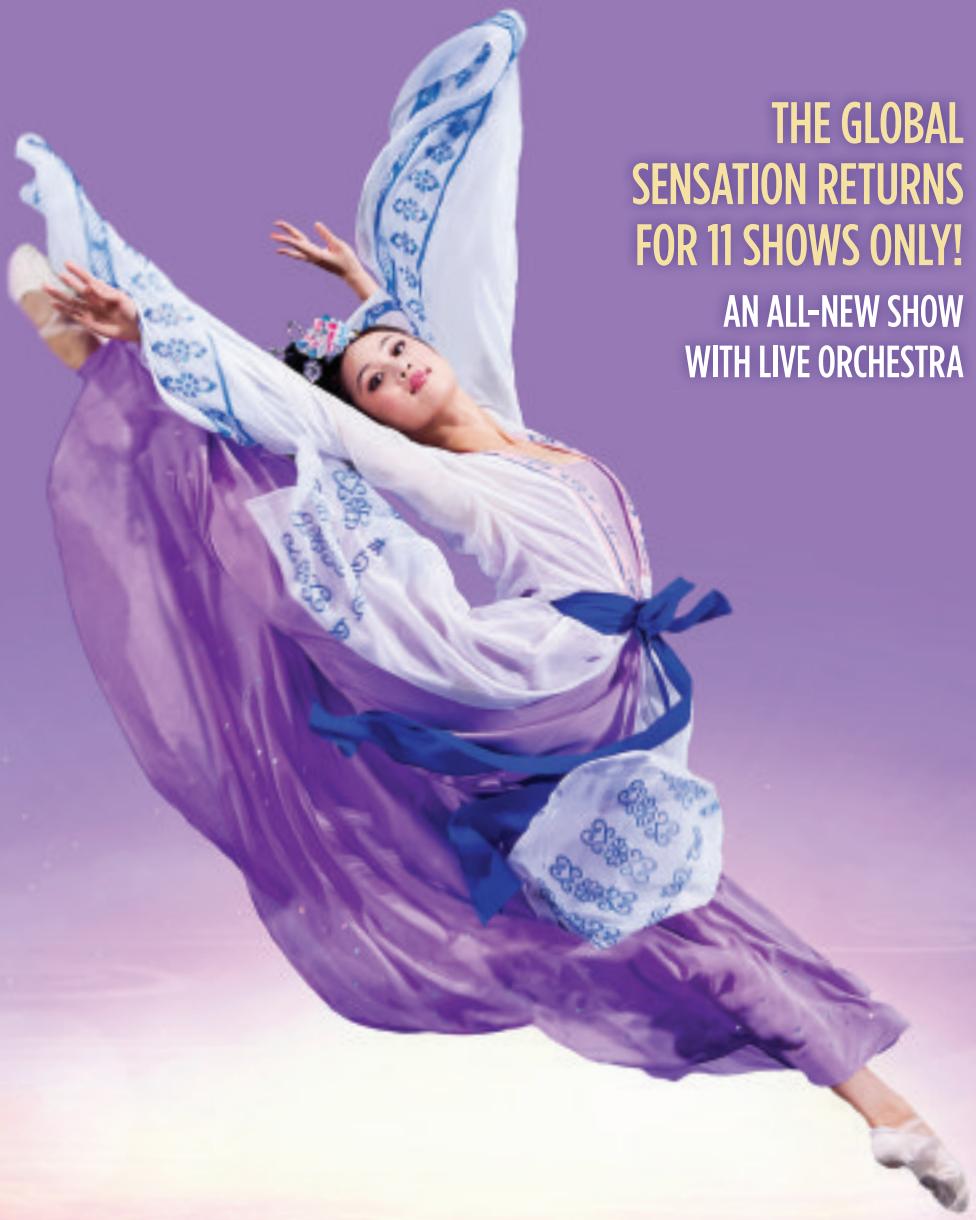

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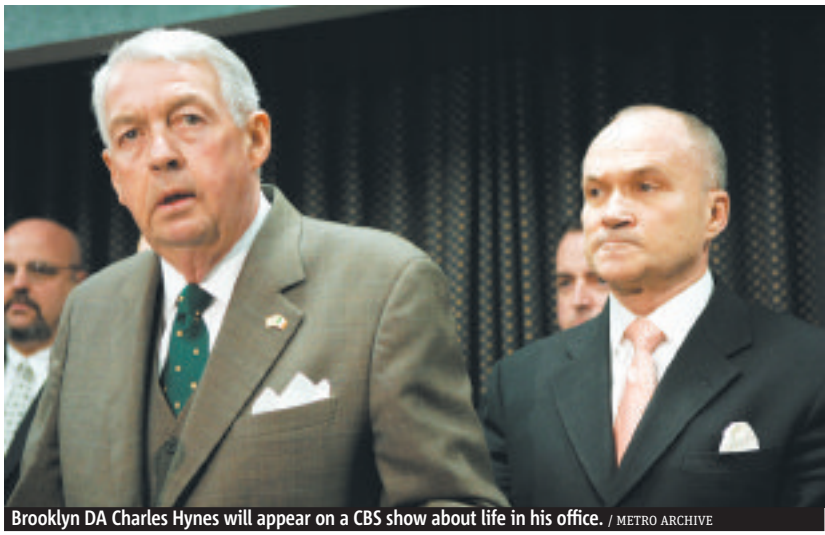

Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes will appear on a CBS show about life in his office. / METRO ARCHIVE

Brooklyn DA playing defense on new TV show

Small screen. Charles Hynes is under fire for appearing on an upcoming reality television show.

A representative at the office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes disputed claims the DA is going to star in a reality television show on CBS, as reported by the New York Daily News.

"The CBS people don't call it that and we don't call it that," said Jerry Shmetterer, the DA's director of public information.

Shmetterer described the television show as a six-episode documentary. The first episode will air on May 21, he said.

Some people are skeptical, however, including one of Hynes' competitors in this year's election, Ken Thompson.

Thompson seized upon a line in the Daily News report that broke the news of Hynes' television appearance. He slammed Hynes over this allegation that CBS was given access to confidential information.

Schmetterer dismissed these accusations, saying that when the show airs, "there'll be no confidential information revealed."

Quoted

"There'll be no open cases involved in the documentary. They haven't been given access to anything that other reporters couldn't get access to." SCHMETTERER

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Subway accident

Teen killed by 2 train on his 18th birthday

A Long Island teen celebrating his 18th birthday in Manhattan on Tuesday died after he was struck by a subway train. Liam Armstrong, of Nesconset, was hit by an express 2 train at the 79th Street station when he and his friends were trying to cross the tracks to get to the opposite platform, the New York Post reported.

LAURA SHIN

Purse snatcher. Thief robbed 70-year-old in front of her building

Cops are looking for a man who robbed a 70-year-old woman in front of her apartment building.

According to police, on Friday, March 22, a woman, 70, was exiting her residential building in the Bronx when an unknown man approached her and stole her purse. Anyone with information should call 800-577-TIPS.

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Joseph Esposito comforts the mother of an officer that was killed.
NY DAILY NEWS ARCHIVE

NYPD top cop turns in badge

Changing guard. After 12 years, Joseph Esposito is stepping aside.

The top-ranking cop in the NYPD, Chief of Department Joseph Esposito, retired yesterday.

His retirement comes as a result of city administrative code, which states no uniformed officer can work past 63.

Esposito was known throughout his career for preferring to work on the street over his office, according to the Wall Street Journal, and in particular for his presence during Occupy Wall Street.

On Oct. 16, 2011, Esposito pushed his way into an altercation between riot police and protesters, the Journal reported. Esposito directed his subordinates to retreat.

Esposito's involvement in Occupy Wall Street was not always celebrated. In a video last March, he was seen hitting a protester with a baton.

In an interview with CBS, Esposito expressed his love for his job.

"I haven't worked a day in 44-and-a-half years," he said. "Every day has been a pleasure coming to work."

Distinguished career

A good cop

Joseph Esposito retired on Wednesday from the NYPD after 44 years.

He said he liked working in the street more than being in the office.

He was reportedly well-liked by other officers in the NYPD.

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Disabled vets face two-year wait on claims

Returning heroes. Vets can expect long waits before they receive their first check.

Veterans in New York wait two years for their disability claims to be processed, city officials said yesterday.

The New York office of the Department of Veterans Affairs faces an alarming backlog of disability claims, City Council members said in a letter. Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Veterans Chair and Councilman Mathieu Eugene wrote to U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, detailing a "backlog" of claims. A veteran applying for service-related benefits waits 642 days before that first claim is processed, officials said

Shinseki promised the Department will clear the backlog by 2015.

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New York national guardsmen were at a job fair Wednesday. / TIMOTHY CLARY, GETTY IMAGES

Vicious attack

Bronx woman is sexually assaulted

A 27-year-old woman was attacked near Westchester Avenue in the Bronx Sunday morning, police reported. The suspect, described as a Hispanic male in his late 20s, came at the victim from behind and shoved her to the ground. He punched her in the face repeatedly and sexually assaulted her before running away. Police reported that the victim suffered bruising and contusions.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Royal visitor. Christie tells Prince Harry no raunchy behavior

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie will chaperone Prince Harry on his visit to New Jersey in May to ensure decent behavior, the New York Post reported Wednesday.

Responding to a talk show caller on Monday, Christie said this royal visit will not repeat last year's trip to Las Vegas, when pictures showed the nude prince with a woman. The Post said Prince Harry wanted to see the damages of Hurricane Sandy to the state.

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Prince Harry is Jersey-bound. CHRIS JACKSON, GETTY IMAGES

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Guilty. Lawyers for Colorado theater gunman plead guilty

Defense attorneys for the 25-year-old man accused of killing 12 people in a shooting rampage at a Denver-area movie theater have offered to have him plead guilty in exchange for a life prison term, according to court documents made public yesterday.

Lawyers for James Holmes say in the court papers that prosecutors have not yet responded to their offer, which would spare their client the death penalty. Holmes is scheduled to be in court on Monday for a hearing in the high-profile case.

A spokeswoman for the Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office could not immediately be reached for comment.

REUTERS

James Holmes will appear in court Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

Web slowed by biggest cyber attack in history

Internet hacking. The war between Spamhaus and Cyberbunker is derailing the Net.

The biggest cyber attack in history is slowing Internet speeds around the world as hackers take on spam-fighting group Spamhaus. Netflix is among the sites severely affected.

Spamhaus claims to have been under attack for a week, following a decision to flag the Cyberbunker site as hosting spam. Spamhaus CEO Steve Linford said the Distributed Denial of Service attacks are unprecedented. "Attacks are peaking at 300 gigabytes per second. … Attacks against major banks, we're talking about 50," he said, adding this was enough to disable government networks.

The attack is retaliation for Spamhaus' abuse of power, according to Sven Olaf Kamphuis, who claims to represent Cyberbunker. "We are not spamming, and in any case they are not authorized to sabotage companies," Kamphuis said. "Their blacklist works as a form of blackmail by publishing personal details."

Kamphuis claims his group's retaliation is over but Internet users can expect ongoing difficulties.

SPAMHAUS

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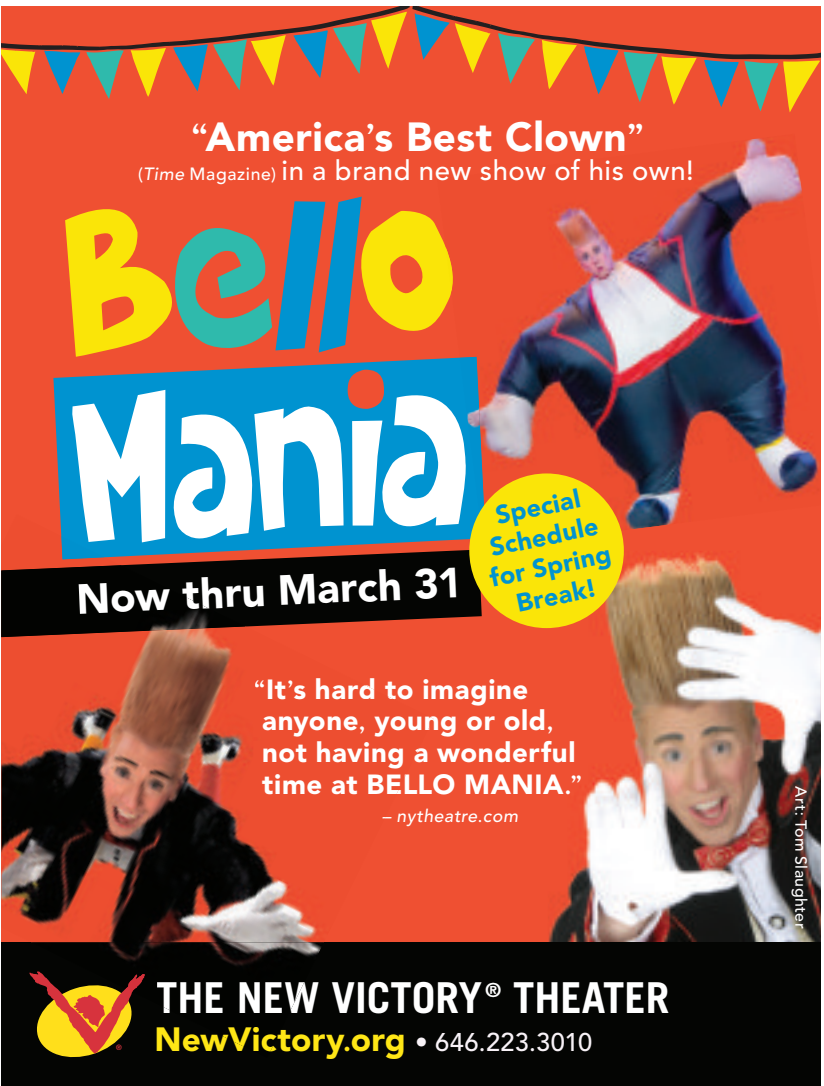
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Same-sex marriage supporters demonstrate in front of the Supreme Court yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Supreme Court still debating marriage law

DOMA. Highest court continues discussing striking down law denying federal benefits to same-sex couples.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a potential swing vote, warned of the "risks" that the Defense of Marriage Act infringes upon the traditional role of the states in defining marriage.

The 1996 U.S. law denies married same-sex couples access to federal benefits by defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Kennedy referred to DOMA as "inconsistent" because it purports to give authority to the states to define marriage while limiting recognition of those determinations.

On the liberal side of the bench, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan echoed some of Kennedy's concerns about the states' rights issue. "What gives the federal government the right to be concerned at all about the definition of marriage?" Sotomayor said. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg also raised concerns about the law, stressing how important federal recognition is to those legally married. REUTERS

Quoted

"It affects every area of life."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
She raised concerns about the law, stressing how important federal recognition is to married people.

GUN VIOLENCE

Sheriff shows Giffords shooting papers

The sheriff's office that responded to the 2011 mass shooting attack in Tucson, Ariz., that wounded former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, released more than 2,700 pages of documents on yesterday related to its investigation, an official said. REUTERS

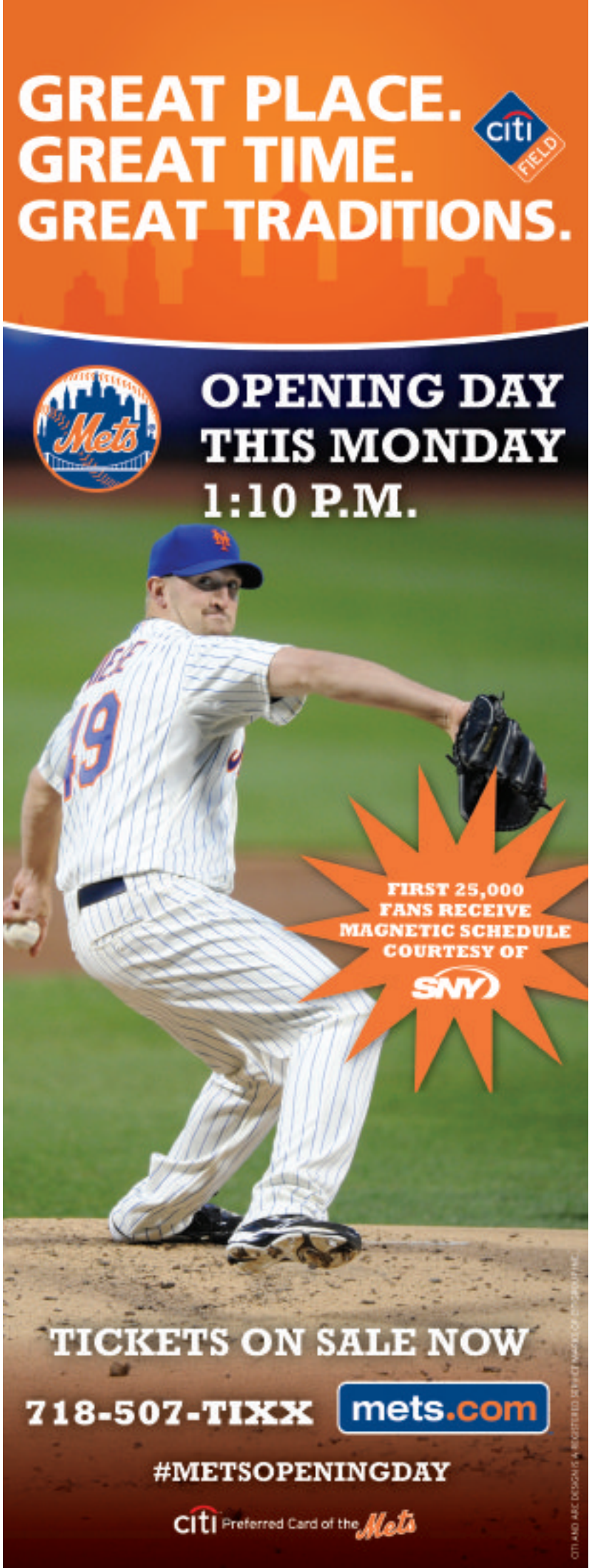
CIA. Petraeus says he's sorry for affair

Former CIA Director David Petraeus apologized yesterday for the extramarital affair that forced his November resignation and acknowledged the toll it took on his family, career and reputation.

His appearance at an event honoring University of Southern California veterans was his first public speech since the storied Army general's career was cut short by the scandal. Petraeus noted that "life doesn't stop with such a mistake. It can and must go on."

"I know that I can never fully assuage the pain that I inflicted on those closest to me and on a number of others," Petraeus said.

"I can, however, try to move forward in a manner that is consistent with the values to which I subscribed before slipping my moorings." REUTERS



Dirty bird. Fine dropped for pet bird with a foul mouth

A Rhode Island city has dropped its case against a woman who was fined $15 for violating a noise ordinance after her pet cockatoo allegedly swore at her ex-husband's girlfriend, who lived with him next door, a lawyer said yesterday.

Warwick Municipal Court fined Lynne Taylor in September following a series of complaints from the neighbor over noise from the parrot and other offenses, said Taylor's lawyer, Stephen Peltier.

The bird allegedly used salty language to refer to the neighbor, but Peltier said the bird was merely saying "knock it off," and that the noise ordinance was unconstitutional because it was highly subjective and intended for dog-barking. **REUTERS**

Going, going, gone

Rare dodo bird bone up for sale in London

A rare 4-inch fragment of a dodo bone will go on sale in Britain in April, around 300 years after the flightless bird and icon of obsolescence was hunted to extinction.

Auctioneers Christie's said it was hoping for as much as $22,600 for the piece of a bird's femur. The last sale of dodo remains the auction house could find took place in London in 1934 — and it was expecting interest from a highly specialized band of collectors and enthusiasts. **REUTERS**

Victory for Comcast in anti-trust court case

Several business and conservative groups, as well as chipmaker Intel Corp., supported Comcast's appeal. / GETTY IMAGES

Class action. Comcast was accused of overcharging cable TV subscribers.

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled in favor of Comcast Corp. in a case over how much it charged a group of cable TV subscribers, the latest blow against consumers hoping to pursue class action lawsuits.

In a 5-4 decision, the court said 2 million subscribers in the Philadelphia area could not sue Comcast as a group.

These subscribers claimed in an antitrust lawsuit that the largest U.S. cable TV company overcharged them as part of an effort to monopolize the market.

But Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the majority that the subscribers fell "far short" of establishing that damages could be accurately measured for the entire group.

He said the proposed class was too diverse in the claims they raised and in where they lived, causing individual damages calculations to "overwhelm" issues common to everyone. **REUTERS**

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"There is no question that the model failed to measure damages resulting from the particular antitrust injury on which [Comcast's] liability in this action is premised."

Justice Antonin Scalia

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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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1 McHale and Oscars: Not yet

Joel McHale doesn't expect to be hosting the Oscars next year, even if his fans think he's perfect for the gig. "They're not going to call me," McHale said during an interview with Larry King, responding to a fan-submitted question about whether he'd entertain the thought of hosting the Academy Awards. "Would I entertain the thought? I just entertained it. I was very entertained. So was the thought. The thought was like, 'This was a great time.'"

2 Female NBC reporters come out as couple

Just in time for the arguments the Supreme Court is hearing on gay marriage, two bold-faced names came out of the closet: Jenna Wolfe, the weekend anchor on the "Today" show announced yesterday that she is in a relationship with fellow NBC journalist Stephanie Gosk — and the two are expecting a baby girl in August. "Something just sort of told me it was time. Two years into a great relationship we felt like we wanted to share our adventures with a wide-eyed, little person," she wrote on a newly created blog for the show, where she will chronicle her adventures in pregnancy and parenting. "The more we talked about it, the better the idea seemed. And so in December, we embarked on Operation Baby. And might I just add that despite the morning sickness, it's been the best decision we've ever made."

3 Stay off my Hammaconda!

Jon Hamm is growing tired of the attention his private parts have been receiving (the tabloid press has hilariously dubbed it "the Hammaconda"). "Most of it's tongue-in-cheek, but it is a little rude," he tells Rolling Stone of the photos spread online of the outline of his crotch. "They're called 'privates' for a reason. I'm wearing pants, for f—'s sake. Lay off." Of course, the star doesn't want to come off as a complainer. "I mean, it's not like I'm a f—ing lead miner. There are harder jobs in the world," he says. "But when people feel the freedom to create Tumblr accounts about my c—, I feel like that wasn't part of the deal." Better than the alternative, Hamm. We could be talking about your Hammapillar.

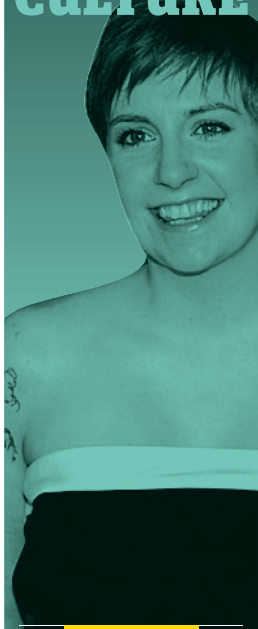
4 Panettiere engaged

Hayden Panettiere has secretly gotten engaged to her much, much taller Ukranian boxer beau, Wladimir Klitschko, according to Us Weekly. "Very few people know, and she isn't wearing her ring publicly yet," a source says. "Looks like a summer wedding." Panettiere and Klitschko split up in 2011 after two years of dating, and they have not officially confirmed they are back together, despite several public displays of affection over the past few months.

5 Meet Bieber's spit

Justin Bieber is facing battery accusations from a neighbor who claims he made threats during an argument near his Los Angeles home. It appears Bieber decided to take his new Ferrari for a spin around his gated community at speeds of up to 100 mph. His neighbor, who TMZ says is a 47-year-old and father of three, began to yell at Bieber for driving so fast. Bieber reportedly responded by spitting in his face and stating: "I'm gonna f-king kill you." If that guy has a 16-year-old daughter, she is going to be sooooo mortified.

2 CULTURE



Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Steve Martin has big plans for his work, Kirstie Alley is experiencing technical difficulties, Anna Kendrick is a fan of tech support and Lena Dunham has found the perfect companion.

@SteveMartinToGo: I hope to go down in history with this historic Tweet. Yes, the one you are reading right now. It's got it all.

@kirstiealley: my timeline is broken... ouch

@AnnaKendrick47: A man fixing your computer is the new chopping firewood; makes a lady feel safe and warm. #Swoon

@lenadunham: Just turned around and my dog was opening an Amazon box. So, friends and family, great knowing you but it seems we have it covered here.

Ashley Benson plays a good girl gone wild in "Spring Breakers."
ANNAPURNA PICTURES

Ashley Benson: A coed gone very bad

Films. The starlet is making the jump from being a "Pretty Little Liar" to one of the "Spring Breakers."

"Pretty Little Liars" star Ashley Benson makes the jump to film in the most attention-grabbing way she can: alongside Selena Gomez and Vanessa Hudgens as coeds gone bad in Harmony Korine's "Spring Breakers."

The film finds the girls' characters knocking over a diner to fund a wild week in Florida, ending up in jail and bedding down with a crazed, gun-toting, drug-slinging amateur rapper named Alien (James Franco), all in a kaleidoscope of American culture taken to the brink. Not surprisingly, it's courted some very strong reactions. And Benson likes that you may hate this movie.

"I like when people hate the movie because it's like, 'Wow, we really affected you and you're really disturbed, and that's great,'" she says. "Because it is a disturbing movie, but it's also a beautiful movie."

Benson came aboard for the film about two weeks before shooting. She says she was attracted to the gritty, raw script.

"My character was so different," she says. "She was just, like, so ballsy, and I've never played anything like that. And I told my agent when I was looking for a movie I wanted to play a tough girl who deals with drugs, who deals with violence — and then this script came out of nowhere and I was just like, 'Oh my God! I have to get this role!'"

Benson says that although she's interested in more roles on the big screen, she's also quite attached to her current gig on "Pretty Little Liars."

"I'm on my show right now," she says. "I'm going to try to balance out doing movies at the same time, so right now I'm just reading scripts."

The script

'Just pretend it's a video game'

One of the most telling lines in the film is "Just pretend it's a video game." But it wasn't in the script. "The script was more descriptive and very visual, with little dialogue," says Benson. "These girls watch cartoons and play video games and get high and drunk. So for them to be able to do this, they just pretend like they are in a video game."

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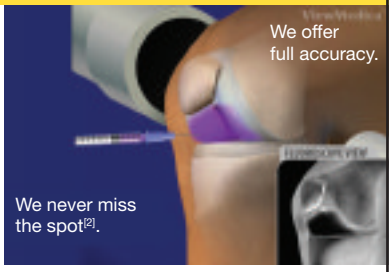

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10 Reasons to hit the movies

Ray Park and Dwayne Johnson star in "G.I. Joe: Retaliation." / JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

1 'G.I. Joe: Retaliation' Reshoots on this Hasbro sequel to unkill Channing Tatum have resulted in not that much Tatum. This time, Marlon Wayans and Joseph Gordon-Levitt, though, are MIA.

2 'The Host' There are no more "Twilight"s to film, but there is a Stephenie Meyers novel about aliens — emo aliens.

3 'The Place Beyond the Pines' Good news, ladies: There's a new movie with The Gosling and BCoop! Better news, ladies: It's an epic sins-of-the-father mega-drama where Gosling rocks a face tattoo.

4 'Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor' Another season, another Tyler Perry movie, this one about a marriage counselor's torrid affair with a cyber mogul. Co-starring Kim Kardashian because [insert joke here].

5 'Mental' Toni Colette and director P.J. Hogan reunite for the first time since "Muriel's Wedding," which came out almost 20 years ago. (You're welcome.)

6 'Welcome to the Punch' It's been less than a month since the last grimy, heavy British crime thriller ("The Sweeney"), so here's another, now with James McAvoy and Mark Strong.

7 'Wrong' DJ-turned-filmmaker Quentin Dupieux previously made a smart, mordant film out of a movie about a killer tire ("Rubber"). His follow-up concerns an everyman (Jack Plotnick) whose life turns absurdist after his dog goes missing.

8 'Renoir' Pierre-Auguste Renoir gets the best kind of biopic: the one that focuses exclusively on a tiny portion of his life. (See: the Gilbert & Sullivan film "Topsy-Turvy.")

9 'Somebody Up There Likes Me' Nick Offerman co-stars in the latest from deadpan indie filmmaker Bob Byington, about a young man so bored that he never ages, even as the narrative spans 35 years.

10 'Olympus Has Fallen' The first of the year's "Die-Hard-in-the-White-House" pics is, alas, the one without any Channing Tatum.

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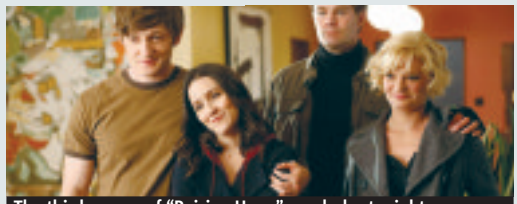
TV watch list


The third season of "Raising Hope" concludes tonight.
FOX VIA GETTY IMAGES

Comedy

'Raising Hope'

There's lots up for grabs during tonight's hour-long Season 3 finale: Burt learning he's Jewish, a musical number called "Rock the Torah" and guest stars Shirley Jones and Lee Majors. But seriously, are you going to pass on seeing "Rock the Torah"? It's the perfect Passover delicacy. **Season finale, 9 p.m., FOX**

Documentary

'Fall to Grace'

Documentary filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi (daughter of Nancy) depicts the story of Jim McGreevey, the New Jersey governor who resigned from office and sought to become an Episcopal priest after his gay extramarital affair was exposed in 2004. **Premiere, 8 p.m., HBO**

Talk show

'Kathy'

We're expecting a dramatic duet from guests Josh Groban and Kristin Chenoweth accompanying a striptease from Eva Longoria. **Season finale, 11:30 p.m., Bravo.**

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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Simply by adding a new twist to an old routine, you can make things fresh. Don't hesitate to use your imagination to brighten your world.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Be alert for a rewarding opportunity to develop in a commercial involvement. It's likely to be fleeting.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. As long as there is parity between you and the other party, a friendly agreement will have excellent chances for success.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being extremely inventive and resourceful, you could come up with a much better method for doing a repetitive task.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. A well-calculated risk is likely to work out just as you envision it. However, be careful not to press your luck too much.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. An unusual day is in the making for you. It might involve something from the past reaching a successful conclusion at last.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a presentation is required in a group endeavor, you're the person to do it.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Conditions in general are extremely encouraging where your material interests are concerned.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Advancement of your personal interests is a strong possibility. Even if your tactics mystify others, the results will be gratifying.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Usually, it isn't wise to be impulsive, but today your inspirational flashes are likely to be quite good. Don't hesitate to think and act on the fly.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. An interesting new acquaintance could enter your life. This new friend is likely to be introduced to you by an old pal.

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Letters

Hey reader, leave that Metro alone

Re: "Hey Metro, leave those kids alone" (Metro, March 27) "Unhealthy obsession?" Letter writer N. Foster needs to take a chill pill. MJ's kids, like every other celebrity child, are talked about daily. I highly doubt Metro's article has any impact on them. Dorothy Robinson is just doing her JOB. I'm sure there are worse occupations out there than that of a gossip columnist. P.S. Dorothy: Keep up the good work.
JESSICA JAY, VIA E-MAIL

Gratitude: Reciprocal of courtesy

RE: "Take a moment of silence for chivalry" (Metro, March 27) How about the females rushing to the subway car before the passengers get out from the car? How about the females who rush to the vacant seat close to a man and take it as entitled without even offering a smile or a thank you to the man? Women have to understand if a man offers a seat, it is not because they are entitled it, but because of plain courtesy.
GEORGE THOMAS, VIA E-MAIL

Gail Scott doesn't want the "equal rights crap" because she doesn't believe in equal rights, but female superiority. Subway seats SHOULD be given up, by BOTH men and women, for the elderly, pregnant women, children and those with disabilities that require a seat for courtesy and decency, not for gender alone. So now women, as equals, can vote, run a Fortune 500 company, become president and enjoy the equality of fighting for a seat on the subway.
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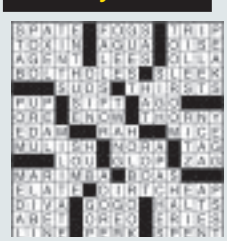

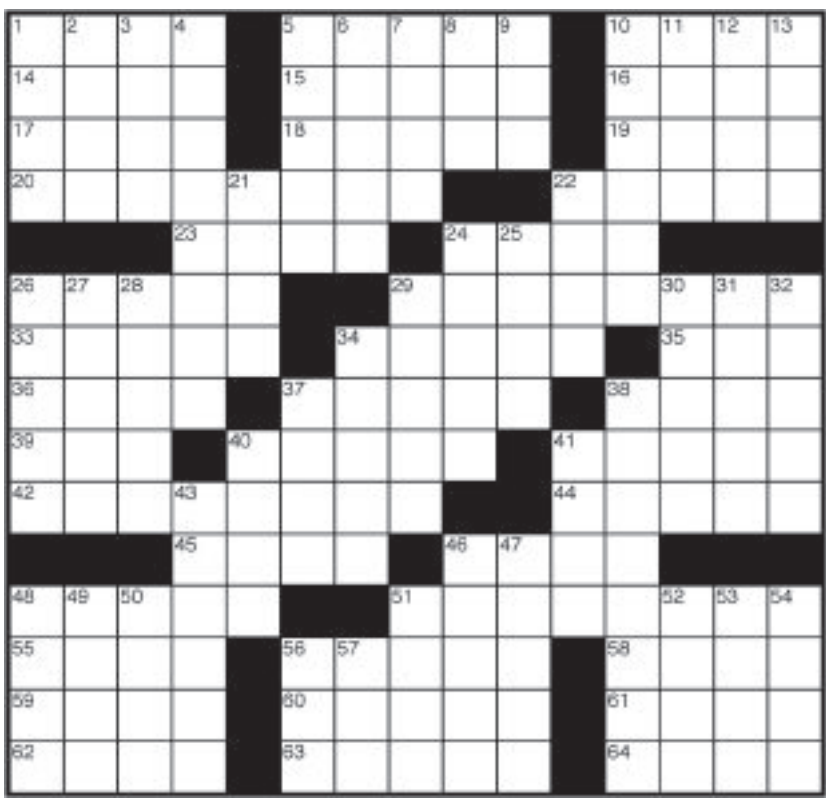

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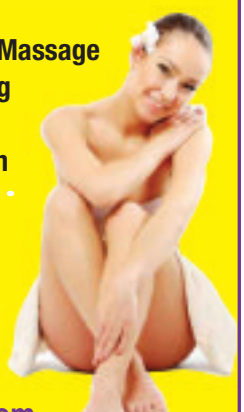

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Drew Barrymore is certainly keeping busy

Wine. The movie mogul and new mom has another new venture — wine.

Between making movies, working on a new makeup line and raising her baby, Drew Barrymore could certainly use a glass of wine at the end of the day. Now, when that mood strikes, she's got just the bottle to turn to — her new Barrymore Wines. We asked her what went into it.

How long had you had the idea to create your own wine?
I have always been interested in the art of winemaking and how a bottle of wine can bring family and friends together for a memorable evening or a casual conversation. To have the opportunity to create my own collection and be part of the process was what led me to launching Barrymore Wines.

What was the testing and tasting process like?
I traveled to Italy and spent time in the Triveneto area where the grapes are grown. I knew I wanted my first offering to be a pinot grigio, so my goal was to create a wine that was refreshing and subtle yet complex. We had a lot of tasting until we found the one that had all of these qualities in a glass.

What should we pair your pinot prigio with?
It can really be enjoyed and paired with a variety of foods. I love having a glass with a light pasta or seafood dish.

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The star's new line retails for $20 a bottle at www.barrymorewines.com. / PROVIDED

Hot Chef. Matt Aita, Le Philosophe

Some nights, Matt Aita can create up to 30 plates of his specialty, duck a l'orange. The dish transcends its retro past in the hands of Aita, who got his start in Le Bernardin and Daniel (he eventually rose up the ranks to become sous chef at Jean-Georges). His next chapter in French dining? Creating his French mainstays at the decidedly more accessible NoHo hot spot Le Philosophe.

Chef Matt Aita / MILES DIXON

How did you make duck a l'orange hot again?
Duck a l'orange is perceived as a really retro dish that's been done too many times and not very well. It usually ends up being too sweet with a candied sauce. But when I approached it, I didn't want to mess with it too much. I quickly found it's all about the sauce. The duck is a duck. As long as it has crispy skin, it's gonna be delicious. As far as the accompaniment, I chose turnips, because, frankly I love duck and turnips.

How did you design your menu? Is it traditional?
We did some things that aren't French, but it's the ingredients and the techniques that are. I think that's the French way — it's almost a military discipline. The French had to organize these techniques and the flavor combinations, and really focus on how to treat ingredients. I think that's why the French have really excelled. And that's what I try to do here.

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The Soundtrack Series

Tonight, 7, (Le) Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., $5
There might be no better monthly series in the city that combines music and literature. This month, host Dana Rossi brings up rapper Jean Grae, Maggie Serota from the Low Times podcast and grunge historian Mark Yarm. JD

Toure presents Prince!

Tomorrow, 7 p.m. Greenlight Bookstore, 696 Fulton St., Fort Greene
Toure has done the world a favor by writing an entire book dedicated to The Purple One, "I Would Die 4 U: Why Prince Became an Icon," and he's celebrating by throwing a dance party in an indie bookstore. JD

NYC Craft Beer Festival - Spring Seasonals

Saturday, 1:30 p.m. & 7 p.m., Lexington Armory, 68 Lexington Ave., $55
Spring might not have quite sprung, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy this monumental kegger featuring the spring releases of some of America's finest Craft Breweries. Split into two sessions, attendees can spend their time sampling from roughly 150 selections. MINDY BOND

Hollis Brown comes to town this weekend. / MIKE LAWRIE, GETTY IMAGES

Robert Caro and Frank Rich

Tomorrow, 7 p.m., The Strand, 828 Broadway, $35
Between researching and writing the next volume of his epic biography on Lyndon B. Johnson, Robert Caro is stopping by The Strand and talk with Frank Rich about his work. JD

Hollis Brown

Saturday, 10:30 pm, Mercury Lounge, Mercury Lounge, 217 East Houston St., $12
In this day and age of post-this and neo-that, Hollis Brown were fed on an all-American diet of folk, blues, country and rock 'n' roll, and it shows. Their music is a welcome treat around here. DENNIS LYNCH

Le Bingo!

Saturday, 7 p.m., (Le) Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., free
Did you know bingo could be this fun? Wisecracking bingo drag queen Linda Simpson gives out a bunch of wacky prizes for winners in the cozy LPR Gallery bar at what might be the most entertaining experience you'll ever have waiting for somebody to call your number. JD

Assscat 3000

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., Upright Citizens Brigade, 307 W. 26th St., $10
Can't get into a taping of "SNL"? Miss "30 Rock"? Do you just really want to see improv comedy performed by some of the best in the biz? The always rollicking and crazy Assscat 3000 is your best shot at getting all of these done. JD

Tell Your Friends! The Spring Fling!

Sunday, 8 p.m., The Bell House, 149 Seventh St., Gowanus, $8
We're slowly crawling out of a long winter, so any excuse to laugh till we're crying is greatly welcomed. That's why getting Janeane Garofalo, Wynatt Cenac and others up for this yearly comedy night are always welcomed. DL

'Scream Along With Billy: Twin Peeps (A David Lynch Easter-Mass)'

Sunday, Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette St. NYC, $20
Is there any better way to observe the holiday than with Billy Hough and Susan Goldberg returning to Joe's Pub for a weird mix of tribute to David Lynch and Easter celebration? JD

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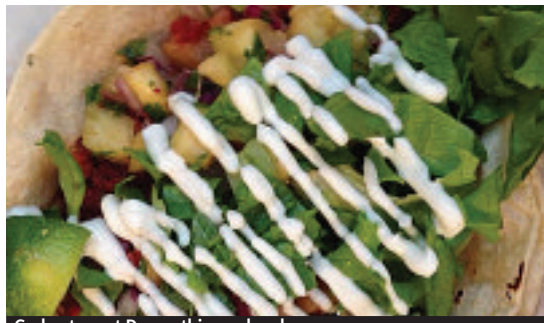
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Openings

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The popular Brooklyn Flea foodie fest gets a permanent location inside Whole Foods on Bowery.

The Hummus & Pita Co.
79 Chambers St.
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Restaurant news

There are only a few days left to try Chef Ron Paprocki's late night chocolate experience at **Gotham Bar and Grill** (12 E. 12th St., 212-620-4020). The three-course $30 tasting menu of Valrhona Chocolates is only available until April 1.

Hit Orso (322. W 46th St., 212-489-7212) before April 1 to enjoy its original 1983 menu in celebration of the Italian-American eatery's 30th birthday. The $36 prix fixe by Executive Chef Victor Flores (who started as a dishwasher!) includes thinly sliced roast veal, cornmeal biscotti and many other delights.

Saturday is your last chance to try the offerings from Brooklyn Taco at **Donna** (27 Broadway, Brooklyn, 646-568-6622). The taco purveyors will be there from 4 p.m. until they run out.

On our radar

Last year's **GoogaMooga** was a sweaty, cell service-less affair, but we're hoping this year's is better. Tickets for Friday night's kickoff with Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Flaming Lips go on sale today at noon, and you can sign up for free tickets from April 1 to April 3 at www.googamooga.com.

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Two reasons we can't wait for April

Style. These limited editions from Kenzo and Derek Lam are so swoon-worthy.

Kenzo X Vans

Kenzo is killing it with the prints. The brand, headed by creative directors Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, teamed up with sneaker icon Vans for a new spring capsule collection that has us swooning. Like the main line, which showed during Paris Fashion Week, the collaboration consists of eye-catching graphics inspired by the duo's trip trekking the jungles of Thailand. The six styles — three lace-ups and three slip-ons — feature "the clouded leopard" print in poppy, perfect-for-spring colors retailing for $125 each. Look out for them April 1 at **www.kenzo.com** and select stores, including Opening Ceremony.

Derek Lam for Kohl's

This is what we have to say about Derek Lam's collection for Kohl's DesigNation: We pretty much want it all. The CFDA Award-winner is the second designer to participate in the department store's effort to bring the runway to the masses. For his turn, Lam drew inspiration from a trip to Rio de Janeiro to create his collection of feminine, sophisticated staples in bold jungle-inspired prints and bright colors. Retail prices for the line range from $36 to $88 and will be available at Kohl's stores nationwide and on www.kohls.com on April 5.

Derek Lam for DesigNation, $70
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HOW TO BECOME FEARLESSLY MARRIED — AND STAY THAT WAY

I am often asked, "Is there such a thing as a happy marriage these days?" Patients come in to see me and talk about all the failed relationships around them. They're frustrated and fearful of marriage as a result. People's attitudes seem to be, "Every marriage fails eventually, so what's the point?" This has a profound impact on their ability to even have a healthy relationship.

Their questions are rooted in fear of the unknown. People don't know exactly how marriage will turn out when they enter it, so they get anxious. There are things you can do to ensure a healthy relationship, even through difficulties. These are my tested tips to become fearlessly married:

Define a healthy marriage. If you wanted to open a coffee shop, would you model it after the dingy one on the corner or the thriving Starbucks? Rather than focusing on botched relationships, look at what works.

Enter the marriage 100 percent committed, without the divorce option. In relationships that stand the test of time, couples are focused on keeping it and doing what's necessary to maintain it.

FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN CAN CAUSE ANXIETY IN A MARRIAGE.
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Disagreements are normal and don't mean the end. Look at the big picture and ask yourself: Is it worth it to win the battle but lose the war? Accept certain things about your partner.

Focus on what binds you, not on what separates you. You got together because of commonalities, not differences. Keep that focus while maintaining a sense of autonomy. The best relationships are those where both people do their thing and then come together.

Take time out after arguing. Issues are rarely resolved in the heat of battle, so walk away and agree to come together when things calm down. Examine your intent. Is it to hurt the other person or work toward a compromise?

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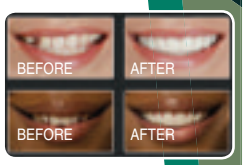

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Will Derek Jeter being carried off the field last postseason be the lasting image of the end of an era? / AL BELLO, GETTY IMAGES

What happened to the dynasty years?

Yankees season preview. The Bronx Bombers come into the season with the lowest expectations in decades.

With the exception of 2008, the Yankees have been a playoff team in every postseason since 1993.

Even in the one year they missed the playoffs, the Yankees still won 89 games. But heading into Monday's season opener, you'd be hard pressed to find fans who are even that optimistic.

Many are predicting doom, or at least a Yankee version of it, which constitutes something around an 85-win season. Vegas puts the team's over/under at 88.5 wins, the lowest total in 13 years.

When the season begins, Derek Jeter, Mark Teixeira, Alex Rodriguez and Curtis Granderson will be sidelined with injuries and the Opening Day lineup will feature just two players from last year's season opener — Brett Gardner and Robinson Cano.

Part of the reason is an eventual goal of getting payroll to $189 million in 2014 to avoid paying luxury taxes.

"I think there are several reasons to be under it and they've all been well-documented," managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said on WFAN Tuesday. "But one that hasn't been well-documented is that I don't believe you have to have a $200 million payroll to be world champions. So it is something that's important to us, but only if we're sure we're fielding a championship-caliber team. I mean, I just can't say that enough."

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Payroll drain

Nearly half of the Yankees' payroll is on the disabled list.

- **Derek Jeter continues to recover from an ankle injury that required surgery after he had to be carried off the field in Game 1 of the ALCS.** He will start the season on the disabled list, despite a heavy rehab schedule this offseason to avoid just that.
- **Curtis Granderson hit 43 home runs and scored 102 runs last year.** He could still hit 30 homers if he returns from a broken forearm suffered on Feb. 24 by mid-May, his original return date.

Add one more

Hughes to start season on disabled list

The latest Yankee to be added to the disabled list is starting pitcher Phil Hughes. Hughes has been dealing with a bulging disc in his back for the past few weeks. He was shut down to recover, but is scheduled to pitch in a third minor-league game next week.

Hughes is the fifth major name to start the season on the DL, joining Mark Teixeira, Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Curtis Granderson. METRO

Phil Hughes / GETTY IMAGES

Feeling rich

Forbes: Yanks richest team in baseball

They may be slashing payroll, but that doesn't mean the Yankees are hurting for money.

Forbes released its annual ranking of MLB franchises yesterday and the Yankees are on top for the 16th straight season. The team was valued at $2.3 billion, the richest team in all of American professional sports. MLB teams on average were up 23 percent from 2012. METRO

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Outta here

McCarver to retire

Broadcaster Tim McCarver will be retiring from the broadcast booth after 2013, his 34th year as a color man. McCarver, 71, will be spending his 18th season in the FOX national broadcast booth with play-by-play man Joe Buck this year. McCarver was a catcher for 21 years in the league, most notably in St. Louis.

A look at the Mets' future

The Mets are banking on six stars to lead their team into a new era. For some, the future is now.

MARK OSBORNE

Jon Niese

The Mets' Opening Day starter isn't a new face — but with Johan Santana injured and on the way out, he's now the ace of the pitching staff. The lefty pitched to a career-low 3.40 ERA in 2012.

Matt Harvey

A taste of Harvey in 2012 left Mets fans eager for more — and with good reason. He'll start the season as the team's No. 2 and will be penciled in to pitch close to 200 innings after throwing 169 1/3 last season between Triple-A and the Mets.

Zack Wheeler

No, he won't start the season in the majors, but a minor injury this spring won't keep him from being on the team before too long. Wheeler throws in the mid-90s and is MLB.com's No. 8 prospect in baseball. Be patient Mets fans.

Travis d'Arnaud

The first non-pitcher on the list came to the Mets via the R.A. Dickey trade this offseason. MLB.com's No. 6 prospect was brilliant in spring training, batting .343 with a .415 OBP. Service-time limits will keep him in Triple-A until May.

Brandon Nimmo

Nimmo, 20, is a "toolsy" outfielder with tremendous athleticism. He was an under-the-radar first-round pick two years ago from Wyoming, where his high school didn't field a baseball team.

Gavin Cecchini

Cecchini, 19, is the youngest player on this list, but he's the second baseman of the future. Sorry, Daniel Murphy. He got a $2.3 million signing bonus last year as a first-round pick.

Where's Wheeler?

"I said, 'You know, you're sitting in the same seat Matt Harvey did last year.' If you force us to call you, we'll be calling you."

TERRY COLLINS, METS MANAGER

On what he told Zack Wheeler after he was demoted to the minors during spring training

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NOTICE OF PRECLEARANCE SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on March 22, 2013, in accordance with Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, and 28 C.F.R. § 51.10(b), covering the counties of Bronx, Kings and New York, the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission (the "Districting Commission") submitted to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, the Districting Commission's final plan for the boundaries of the fifty-one City Council districts in the City of New York (the "submission").

A complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at the office of the Districting Commission at 253 Broadway, 7th Floor in the borough of Manhattan. A complete copy of the submission is also available on the Districting Commission's website at http://www.nyc.gov/districting, where it can be automatically translated into over 50 languages.

The Districting Commission invites members of the public to review the submission and to provide comments for the Attorney General's consideration as this request for preclearance is being considered. Any such comments may be forwarded to: Mr. Chris Herren, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Room 7254 - NWB, Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Please take further notice that, in order to permit timely implementation of the final districting plan in advance of the City Council's upcoming primary and general elections, the Districting Commission has requested that a decision on preclearance be issued on an expedited basis pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 51.34.

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Mets count on young pitching to carry team

With R.A. Dickey gone, Jon Niese is the winningest returning pitcher. / MLB PHOTOS VIA GETTY IMAGES

Mets season preview. For a team with little offense, pitching will be crucial.

"He's had a very, very good spring. We feel very, very confident that he's the right guy to start this off."

TERRY COLLINS, METS MANAGER
on Opening Day starter Jon Niese

The Mets are armed and ready. Well, maybe they're just armed.

It was mid-February when manager Terry Collins told reporters at the Mets' training facility that the organization was "optimistic about our pitching staff."

Whether the Mets starters can carry out their marching orders begins Monday afternoon at Citi Field. The Mets will begin their 51st season with Jon Niese making the Opening Day start against the Padres.

"I thought after last season, especially at the end of last season, Jon Niese stepped forward to be the pitcher everyone expected him to be," Collins said.

He is 1-0 with a 1.53 ERA in 17 2/3 innings this spring.

It will be imperative the young arms keep a flawed team near .500 in the first two month, as the Mets will start the season without Johan Santana or Shaun Marcum.

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